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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT ON UNHRC ELECTION

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR THOMAS C. KRAJESKI, FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AD (D).

¶1. (C) Ambassador urged Deputy Foreign Minister Mohy al-Din al-Dhabbi on May 13 to oppose Belarus' candidacy to the UNHRC in favor of Slovenia or Bosnia. Al-Dhabbi promised to convey the message to the internal Yemeni Government committee that decides on multilateral votes.

¶2. (C) Information we have received through other channels indicates that the Yemenis will support either Slovenia or Belarus, but that there has been no commitment made yet to either country.

¶3. (C) Given the relatively good state of U.S.-Yemeni relations following President Saleh's recently concluded visit to Washington, Ambassador's analysis is that the Yemenis will support Slovenia.

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